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CITY BREVITIES.

W. A. Lamprey, room clerk of the Elkhart House, went into camp this morning with the Engineer Corps, D. C. N. G.

DRINKS FREE TO SOLDIERS.

Generosity That Could Be Followed in Other Branches of Business.

New York, April 25.—In almost any saloon from Harlem to Red Hook a man wearing the uniform of the United States Army or Navy is just now entitled to anything he may call for in the beverage line without paying for it. With the beginning of the war a spontaneous patriotic sentiment sprang up in the barrooms of this city, and the bartenders consider it an honor to treat a soldier of a sailor of the Government. While for years innumerable the saloon keepers having places near the Brooklyn navy yard have been in the habit of charging sailors and marines for drinks, today these same saloon keepers consider it an honor to "show off" the Army and Navy. The same may be said of saloon keepers in the neighborhood of Fort Hamilton.

In speaking of this new form of patriotism yesterday Patrick Barry, who was formerly a supervisor in Kings county, and who is now engaged in the liquor business on Bridge street, Brooklyn, said:

"The idea seems to have struck liquor dealers and bartenders simultaneously. I have given orders to all of my bartenders to keep open house for the nation's heroes and regulars. These poor fellows have flocked into my place by the score, and after having a few drinks they go out saying, 'Thank you, boss, for your kindness.' We may not get a chance to have another drink on this side of the dark river. Our jockies are the best lot of fellows a man ever met. When they have money they spend it freely, and my only reason for giving them free drinks at this time is that I believe that if a sailor or a soldier has any money at this time he should be permitted to keep it or give it to his family. Our flag defenders should not be allowed to spend a cent for anything just now. They should have the freedom of our city."

"The movement inaugurated by the saloon keepers to give away wet goods to the soldiers and sailors ought to be an example to dealers in dry goods to do the same. I think it would be a good idea for all of the dry goods dealers in this city and Brooklyn to help the sailors out by equipping them with underclothing."

"I think that every grocer in the city ought to contribute a certain amount of groceries for the relief of the families left at home by our soldiers and sailors, many of whom will never return. A committee of citizens could be appointed by Mayor Van Wyck to take charge of all contributions, and this committee might hunt up the relatives of those who volunteer to enter the country's service. The families could then be supplied with provisions. I am sure that we have enough charitable people in New York and Brooklyn who are willing to contribute liberally for the purpose of carrying out this scheme of relief. The sooner this movement is started the better it will be for the nation, because when we get deeper into this war business we may have so many things to look after that the families of volunteers may be overlooked. As far as I am concerned, I am ready to do my share at any time. However, I will continue to dispense free drinks to the Army and Navy as long as the war lasts."

The same rule is said of the proprietor of the saloon at Eighty-first Street and Columbus Avenue, Joe Lindemann, who is the temporary headquarters of the Nineteenth assembly district. When American flag is swung over the sidewalk, opposite Lindemann's saloon, and behind the bar there is a sign which reads:

OUR ARMY AND NAVY FORTY-FOUR!
2. No money taken for drinks served to
3. U. S. Soldiers and Sailors.

The same rule prevails at Silver Dollar Smith's establishment at Thirty-first Street and Sixth Avenue, and also at Mr. Smith's Silver Dollar Saloon opposite the Essex Market Court. Along Third Avenue and the Bowery the bartenders consider themselves honored by a visit from a uniformed soldier or sailor. At ex-Altman-Parker's establishment on the Bowery three jack tacks appeared on Thursday night. Each of them ordered whiskey. As one of them was in the bar for the drinks Mr. Parker shouted to his bartender:

"Hey, don't take money from these fellows. They're United States soldiers, and they need some ammunition to blow those Spaniards into kingdom come."

Down the Bowery, at Barney Flynn's saloon, at Pell Street, there is a sign behind the bar which reads:

IN GOD WE TRUST
1. All other drinks pay cash for drinks,
2. Excepting Marines, Sailors and Soldiers,
3. Serving Under the American Flag.

At Andy Horn's saloon, near the bridge, the rule of free drinks to sailors and soldiers is in operation. The same patriotic rule is in working order at each of the three saloons owned by Mike Callahan. In all of the places mentioned the customers have shown their feeling for the sailors and soldiers by trying to outdo the saloon keepers and bartenders in showing favors upon the Army and Navy.

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NATIONAL GUARD PROTESTS.

The Various Organizations Desire to Retain Their Identity.

The officials at the War Department have been besieged with telegrams from State officers and members of the National Guards, requesting further enlightenment on the interpretation of the new volunteer army law. Many of these telegrams give evidence of a general objection on the part of the National Guard to become a part of the Army for the occupation of Cuba if they cannot retain their present identity in organization.

Secretary Alger is expected to issue today the rules and regulations of the department which will govern the enlistment of volunteers. The governors of the States will each be addressed in a letter from the Secretary of War, stating the authority and object of raising a volunteer army, and requesting the selection by the governors of the company and regimental officers for the troops to be raised in their States.

Recruiting rendezvous in charge of an officer detailed by the department will be selected at convenient points. Some of the Regular Army posts will be used as recruiting stations.

All volunteers who present themselves at recruiting stations will be subject to the regular medical examination, by a medical officer detached by the department, prescribed for recruits in the United States Army. Those who pass this examination will be furnished transportation to the camps of concentration, where they will be formed in companies and regiments.

National Guardsmen who volunteer will necessarily sever their connection with their State organizations. This will not prevent entire companies and regiments of National Guards from enlisting in a body in the volunteer army, provided each member of the organizations can pass the necessary examination for entrance into the United States service. Enlistments, however, will be individual and the mustering in of the whole companies or regiments will be done by the United States officers only as a concession to the wishes of men who desire to serve with those with whom they have been identified in the State militia.

In cases where only a part of a regiment of National Guardsmen is found qualified to enter into the United States service only the eligible men will be enlisted, and the regiment filled up with other recruits, who may themselves be other National Guardsmen.

As a result of a conference of Gen. Ludington and Lieut. Colonel Farley today rush orders will be issued to manufacturers throughout the country for the quick delivery of about 50,000 uniforms, several thousand tents and large quantities of miscellaneous camp utensils, wagons, etc.

Reports received by Brigadier General John M. Wilson today show very rapid progress in the planting of submarine mines in the harbors and river entrances. Work will probably be completed along the entire coast line by tomorrow night.

AFRICAN RACE ELEVATION.

Educating the Southern Negroes for Useful Work.

An important event in the progress of the negro and Indian education was witnessed on Thursday at the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va., comprising the dedication of what will perhaps be the largest and most completely equipped building of its kind in the South. In it the students will be instructed in agriculture, dairying and domestic science.

This date also marks the thirtieth anniversary of the school, which had its beginning in an old barracks during the civil war, almost before the clouds had cleared away. Hampton now stands the realization of hopes which its founder then conceived, and to carry out which, after laying down his sword, he devoted the remainder of his life.

The success of Gen. Armstrong's efforts to provide a practical education for the ex-slaves and the Indian is too generally known to need mention. He was the first to realize that the only hope of making desirable citizens of the two races lay in providing them with a kind of education and giving them the sort of development and training that would make them self-supporting, self-respecting men and women.

Besides the kindergarten, the academic and the industrial and trade departments, of which there are about eighteen, there was added in 1886 a trade school, following which is the school of domestic science, opened last week.

Among those who witnessed the dedication were Dr. M. Kirby, Dr. William J. Schieffelin, George Foster Peabody, Robert C. Ogden, all of New York; and Right Rev. William M. McKevlar, of Rhode Island; Dr. Wills James, Rev. William M. Kirby, Dr. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle; Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart, Dr. Freeman Darius, Packard Institute; Prof. John McManis, University of California, and Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee.

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Secretary Roosevelt's Successor.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt is today closing up his affairs with the Navy Department in order to make a change of place to the War Department. His successor as Assistant Secretary of the Navy may be appointed at any moment. The consensus of opinion is that Admiral Walker will get the appointment, to act at any rate during the period of the war.

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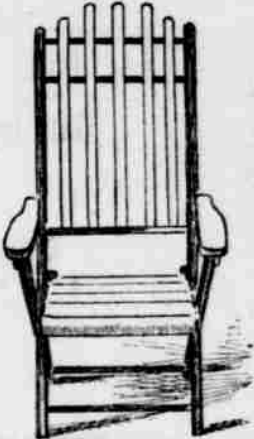
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SUNDAY AT RIVER VIEW.

First Excursion of the Season a Big Success.

Over 1,200 excursionists from this city participated in the opening of the pleasure season at River View yesterday afternoon. The weather was not so favorable as could be wished for, but this in no way interfered with the enjoyment of the excursionists who made the trip to the View.

River View has long been acknowledged as one of the most beautiful and attractive pleasure resorts on the Potomac, and yesterday seemed even more attractive than ever before. In addition to the natural beauty of the scenery, Capt. Randall, the proprietor, had provided a variety of amusements for the entertainment of the visitors, and it is safe to say that all who made the trip to the View spent a most enjoyable day.

The "chute," however, was without doubt the center of attraction for all the excursionists, and all day long boat loads of merry, laughing, screaming "chutes" were seen darting down the long incline into the lake at the foot.

During the day excellent music was furnished by Prof. Chris Arth's orchestra.

Putting Out the Fire.

(From the New York Commercial Advertiser.)

"My dear, I smell something burning. Will you please see if Bridget has not left the dampers in the dining room stove open and set fire to the fireboard?"

"Right away. Did you see this dispatch from Washington saying that the President—"

"Never mind the dispatch. Go downstairs. I know something is wrong."

Papa goes downstairs—dining room stove all right; Bridget writing a letter. Papa returns and resumes his reading. In a few minutes mamma sniffs the air and says: "I'm sure the lamp was left burning in the laundry and that something has been scorched by it. Go down and see."

Papa goes down and finds the laundry in darkness; returns once more and tries to read his paper on the lounge. He falls asleep and is awakened almost instantly by a reproachful voice, which says: "You don't care whether the children and I are burned to death. I know there is something burning. The chimney must be on fire. You had better go and look at it."

Papa goes out in the yard, takes a ladder off its hooks on the fence, takes a ladder with it up the back stairs, and is about to squeeze through the scuttle hole when he is arrested by another command: "Here, take this bag of salt and pour it down the flue if it's on fire."

He goes back, takes the salt, climbs the ladder, gets on the roof, pulls the ladder up after him and places it against the chimney. Then he climbs to the top of the chimney and peers down the flue; everything as it should be. A policeman standing on the opposite side of the street spies papa on his airy perch and hails him: "What's up?"

"I'm up."

"Stop yer kiddin'. What are you doin' up there?"

"Thought the chimney was on fire."

"Anything wrong?"

"Nope."

Papa retraces his steps with his ladder and his salt, regains his room and is told: "Good gracious, there you've been wasting your time and exhausting yourself in a most ridiculous manner, when the whole trouble was due to coal gas. Don't you see that the door of this stove is open?"

Papa shuts the stove door and goes to bed.

Americanized by a Hat.

(From the New York Commercial Advertiser.)

A boxman Lithuanian girl was elbowing her way through the crowd of visitors at the barge office. She held a small parcel in her hand.

"I want to see my sweetheart," she said to a questioner. "He has plenty of money and the lords here are sure to let him go. I came here a year ago. He was in the army at that time, and he wouldn't run away, so that if we didn't like it here we might go back, see? In the meantime I have been serving in New York. I have an uncle here and he got me a fine place."

Five minutes later the peasant girl stood in front of a burly young peasant, who wore an enormous sheepskin coat and had many yards of wooden cloth about his neck. She was smaller than he and had to raise her eyes to look and smile her admiration. He was bashful, and his eyes were wandering about from her to the floor, the dingy walls, the noisy crowd.

"Guess what I have brought you?" she said.

"I don't know," he answered with an embarrassed grin. At this the young woman produced an old derby, which had been wrapped in her handkerchief. The hat was battered and jammed, but she fondly straightened and smoothed it, and then, tearing off the peasant's huge black cap and glistening over she stood up to clasp down the derby in its stead. The derby was—size too small, and the peasant's hat did not know scissors for at least a year; but the energetic fingers overcame all opposition. He grinned and blushed piteously.

"This is America, and every one must be an American," she said, admiring the transformation her hands had wrought. "Every American is a nobleman, and you must be one, too."

The peasant looked wretched. He stood as if suddenly put into a straightjacket. At last he began to move uncomfortably. One of his hands reached for the derby on his head and the other for his peasant cap, which his sweetheart was making an effort to tear up.

"Don't! Don't!" she shrieked in despair. "You must be an American nobleman or I can't take you out. Do you expect me to walk through America with a peasant? Look at me. Why, I am a noblewoman," she said, pointing at her jacket, bonnet and Grand street shoes.

In the Cable Car.

(From the Chicago Record.)

"I beg your pardon—do you believe in the Monroe doctrine?"

At the earnestness of the voice the man who sat opposite, sitting backward, with his feet perched on the other end of the speaker's seat, looked up from his paper.

"You bet I do," he said, emphatically. "Then—and there was triumph in the other's voice—"You must recognize my right to expel any foreign feet from this territory!"

He did.

And all the car laughed.

Not a Good Excuse.

(From the Chicago Post.)

"I only took a little money," pleaded the prisoner, "just enough to get married on, your honor."

"To get married on?" exclaimed the justice.

"Yes, your honor; that was my only reason."

Well, if that's the only plea you have to make I'll have to let the law take its course. Anxiety to get into trouble is certainly no excuse for crime."

The Brilliant Game.

(From the Chicago Record.)

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The Monarch Fire Extinguisher Company, of this city, will give a public exhibition on the old bareball grounds at the corner of North Capitol and G Streets northwest at 7:30 o'clock this evening. The exhibition will be an interesting one.

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